

Workgroup
Timeline

A. Revised Ecosystem Roundtable Approach: Charge to Scientific Panel

Given the following information:

- Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan draft,
- Work products from Indicators Group on conceptual models, indicators, and revised stressors,
- Anadromous Fish Restoration Plan,
- 1997 priorities in Request for Proposals and from Integration Panel,
- Relevant Endangered Species Act Recovery Plans,
- the CCMP, and
- Goals of CALFED and CVPIA

How should priorities for near-term restoration be revised so they:

- Cover a three year period,
- Are consistent with the ERPP draft as it exists at that point in time,
- Demonstrate integration of CALFED and CVPIA ecosystem restoration tools, and
- Build on restoration actions funded to date.

Specifically, the Scientific Panel should provide technical recommendations on priority for restoration efforts for each of the ecosystem elements addressed by the ERPP.

Ecosystem elements include processes, habitats, and species. These priorities should be integrated with the strategic plan for the ERPP and the conservation strategy for listed species.

B. Revisions to the Integration Panel to form the Scientific Panel:

The Integration Panel identified several areas of expertise they would want added as they move into the new role. They also identified several issues that should be considered.

Desired expertise would include:

- Landscape ecologist
- Expert in functioning of wetlands
- Botanist
- Introduced species
- Toxicologist
- Watershed management
- Fluvial Geomorphologist

The Integration Panel discussed the need to balance between agency and non-agency experts but did not develop a consensus recommendation on this issue. In looking for fresh perspectives, they also suggested looking to academia or other outside groups. The Integration Panel voiced a strong desire to stay a manageable size so they can remain productive. They indicated that 15 to 20 people was as big as the group could get.

The workgroup and CALFED staff evaluated these needs and have identified a short list of potential candidates. CALFED staff will be contacting these people to determine their

interest in participating. The current Integration Panel members are also being asked for their input on this list. Following is the list of current members and the short list developed so far:

Current Integration Panel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Expertise</u>
Serg Birk*	CVPWA	Fisheries, Sac River watershed
Randy Brown	DWR	Fisheries, water quality
Jerry Bruns	CVRWQCB	Water quality, watershed, fisheries
Dan Castleberry	USFWS	CVPIA/AFRP, fisheries
Jim Frazier	USFS	Hydrologist, watershed
Rod Fujita*	EDF	Fisheries, ecosystem
Bruce Herbold*	EPA	Fisheries, delta emphasis
Perry Herrgesell	DFG	Fisheries
Elise Holland	BI	Fisheries, delta emphasis
Diana Jacobs	SLC	Ecologist, river physical processes
Ken Lentz	USBR	Fisheries
Terry Mills*	CALFED	Fisheries, ecosystem processes
Dave Paulin	USFWS	Migratory birds, wetlands
Tim Ramirez	Tuolumne River Pres. Trust	Hydrologist, San Joaquin watershed
Pete Rhoads*	MWDSC	Aquatic/fisheries, ecosystem

*Also participates in Indicators Group

Short List of Potential Additions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Brenda Grewell	Botanist and wetlands expert
Chris Foe	CVRWQCB water quality expert
Elaine Archibald	Water quality consultant to CUWA
Dennis Bowker	Napa Resource Conservation District expert in watershed conservation
Bob Nuzum	EBMUD fisheries expert, Mokelumne emphasis
Bill Trush	McBain and Trush fluvial geomorphologist
Scott McBain	McBain and Trush fluvial geomorphologist
Matt Kondolf	UCB academic geomorphologist
Fred Nichols	USGS expert in introduced species

Dave Vogel and Tom Taylor are previous participants who are not currently on the Integration Panel because their schedules did not permit it. The workgroup felt it would be desirable to try to bring these two experts back. Dudley Reiser is interested in continuing to be involved but not as a regular participant. CALFED ERPP staff are also working with the stakeholders to identify a landscape ecologist who can work on the ERPP as well as on near term restoration. This person would work with the scientific panel either as staff or as a participant.

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STEP	DATE	ACTION
1	Prior to 1/9/98	Ecosystem Roundtable Working Group (Working Group) develops recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total amount of available funding over the next three years; • Ecosystem Roundtable staffing needs; • Guidelines for Scientific Panel deliberations; • Candidates for Scientific Panel; and • Candidates to facilitate Scientific Panel deliberations.
2	1/13/98	Ecosystem Roundtable reaches consensus on Working Group recommendations (with any necessary changes) for items listed in Step 1.
3	1/13/98	CALFED Management Team review and approve Ecosystem Roundtable recommendations (with any necessary changes) for items listed in Step 1.
4	2/1/98-2/13/98	Scientific Panel is convened to prepare a Summary Technical Report ¹ for Ecosystem Roundtable and CALFED review which includes recommendations for logical division of workgroups ² based on issues covered in Report.
5	Prior to 2/16/98	Working Group develops recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates to facilitate workgroups and workshop deliberations; • Candidates for workgroups; and • Guidelines for workgroup and workshop deliberations.
6	2/20/98	Ecosystem Roundtable reaches consensus on Working Group recommendations (with any necessary changes) for items listed in Step 5 and receives Executive Summary of the Summary Technical Report.
7	2/20/98	CALFED Management Team review and approve Ecosystem Roundtable recommendations (with any necessary changes) for items listed in Step 5 above and receives Executive Summary of the Summary Technical Report..
8	3/2-16/98	Convene workgroup sessions.
9	4/1-3/98	Convene 2-day facilitated workshop to synthesize workgroup output.
10	4/9/98	Draft Action Plan ³ is prepared based on workgroup products and 2-day workshop.
11	4/17/98	Ecosystem Roundtable reaches consensus on Draft Action Plan.
12	4/17-5/1/98	CALFED Management Team review and approve Draft Action Plan (with any necessary changes).
13	5/11/98	Draft Action Plan is released for public review.
14	6/22/98	Final Action Plan is prepared.
15	6/22/98-on	Available monies are matched with proposed spending items.
16	6/22/98-on	Parties with legal responsibilities for individual funding sources implement Final Action Plan

¹ The Summary Technical Report will summarize the current status of the ERPP, AFRP and other key ecosystem restoration planning efforts with regard to the primary problems facing the Bay-Delta system and objectives for long-term action.

² The purpose of the workgroups is to develop an initial set of action items to address the identified ecological problems. The workgroups could be based on geographic regions, type of problem, species or any other logical division. Each workgroup would produce a set of written actions (not proposals) deemed necessary or useful in addressing problems assigned to the group.

³ The Action Plan will include a broad array of activities geared toward addressing the ecological problems identified in the Summary Technical Report. The Plan would represent a first cut at: 1) identifying types of actions that should be prioritized for the near-term; 2) the appropriate funding vehicles (RFPs, directed programs, reserve accounts, endowments, etc.); and 3) recommendations on broad policy issues.